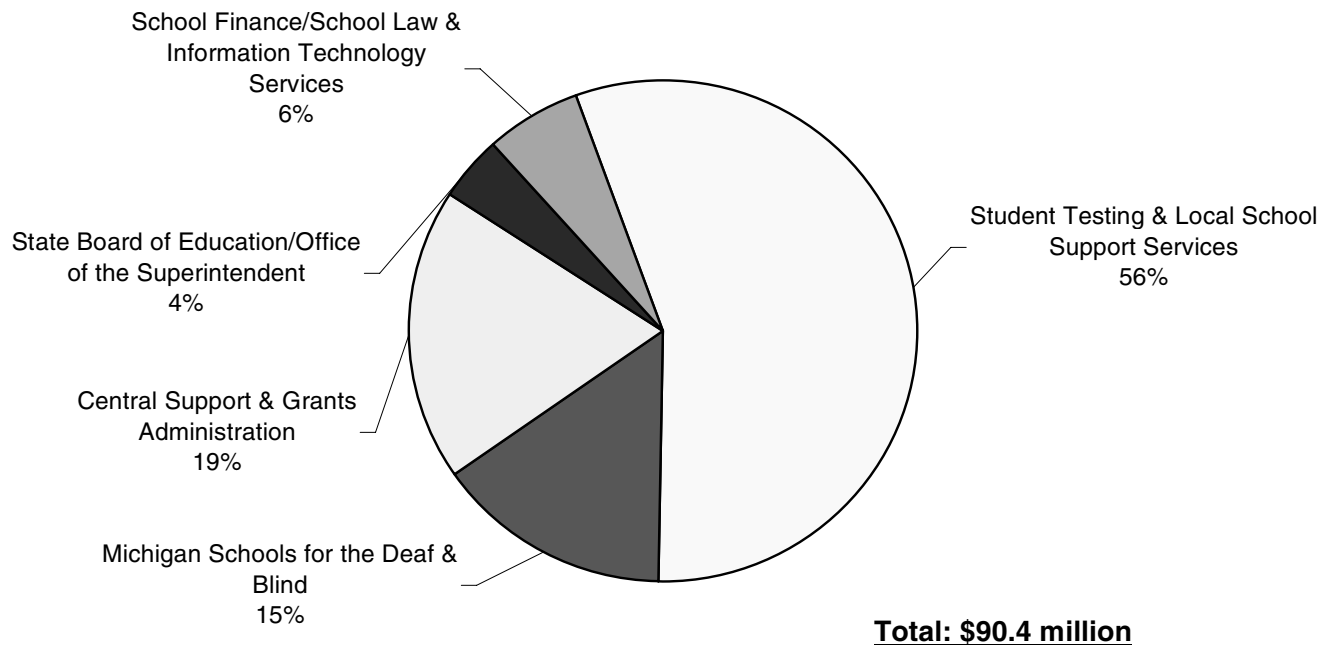


Department of Education

Leadership for Michigan's public education system is vested by the Constitution in the elected members of the State Board of Education. Guided by the State Board of Education policies, the Department of Education is focused on improving student achievement in order to prepare Michigan's students to compete in a global economy. *The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 recommends total funding of \$90.4 million, of which \$6.7 million is general fund.*

Over Half of Department's Funding Supports Student Testing and School Support Services



Budget Highlights - The Governor's budget recommendation for fiscal year 2007:

- Provides \$76.6 million in federal, restricted and general funds for the oversight of state and federal education programs, including special education, teacher preparation, early childhood services, student assessment, and school improvement activities.
- Includes \$13.7 million, a \$772,200 increase, for the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind. The school has experienced an increase in student enrollment over the last 6 years and is expected to increase by over 22 percent for the 2006-2007 school year. Additional staff will be hired to meet the school's growing enrollment.
- Provides \$107,000 general fund to upgrade the school aid payment system. Over \$11.7 billion in payments will be distributed to school districts via this system this year.

Fiscal Year 2006 Supplemental

The Governor recommends \$3.3 million in federal revenues to support the education of students displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

| Fiscal Year 2007 Governor's Recommendation Department of Education (\$ in Thousands) | | | |
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| | FY05 Appropriation | FY06 Current Law | FY07 Recommended |
| GF/GP | \$26,061.7 | \$16,100.4 | \$6,667.5 |
| All Funds | \$116,997.2 | \$117,475.6 | \$90,365.1 |
| | % Change - GF/GP | -38.2% | -58.6% |
| | % Change - All Funds | 0.4% | -23.1% |

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